

Remarks

Claims 21-41 are pending in this application, with claims 31-41 withdrawn from consideration in response to a prior restriction requirement. Claims 21-30 stand rejected. By way of this amendment, claims 21-24 have been canceled without prejudice, and claims 25-27 and 30 have been amended.

In the Office Action mailed April 13, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 21-24, 27 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. Claims 21 and 26-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Eaton et al., US 6,618,146. Claims 21-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wulff et al., U.S. 2004/0253490 A1 in view of Eaton et al., US 6,818,146. In addition, claims 21-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yang et al., US 2006/0049167 A1. Finally, claims 21-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eaton et al., US 6,818,146.

Applicant respectfully traverses all of the rejections, and maintains that Wulff et al., U.S. 2004/0253490 A1 and Yang et al., US 2006/0049167 A1 are not prior art to the present application for the reasons discussed in Applicant's previous response dated February 16, 2007.

Applicant has amended independent claim 25 as recommended by the Examiner to incorporate the limitation of the base material being selected from the group consisting of water, glycols, glycol ethers, and mixtures thereof. In addition, the independent claims 25 and 30 have been amended to include the limitation that the dye does not change hue when heated to about 100°C for about 168 hours. Applicant submits that said limitation is not disclosed in the cited prior art.

For the reasons stated above, Applicant submits that the application is in a condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely notice of allowance be issued in this case. If there are any fees due in connection with this matter, the Director is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 01-0265.

Respectfully submitted,

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